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PATENT APPLICATION

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 10981292-2

IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Stephen L. Bass

Confirmation No.: 5093

Application No.: 10/613,340

Examiner: Do, Chat C.

Filing Date: July 3, 2003

Group Art Unit: 2124

Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SHARING OVERFLOW/UNDERFLOW COMPARE
HARDWARE IN A FLOATING-POINT MULTIPLY ACCUMULATE (FMAC) OR
FLOATING-POINT ADDER (FADD) UNIT

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

(X) Response/Amendment	() Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below	() Supplemental Declaration
(X) No additional fee	
(X) Other: Copies of original continuation application.	(fee \$ _____)

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Respectfully submitted,

Stephen L. Bass

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Examiner: Do, Chat C
Art Unit: 2124

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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a
(X) continuation application of:
() divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application No. 09/507,851 filed 02/22/2000

Title APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SHARING OVERFLOW/UNDERFLOW COMPARE HARDWARE IN
A FLOATING-POINT MULTIPLY ACCUMULATE (FMAC) OR FLOATING-POINT ADDER (FADD) UNI

Name of applicant(s) Stephen L. Bass

Copy of Application

(X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.
() Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

(X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).
() Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

() Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. _____
filed on _____ in _____
() The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. _____
filed _____
() A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

(X) Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:
--Cross Reference To Related Application(s)--:

and add the paragraph:

--This is a (X) continuation () divisional
of copending application number 09/507,851 filed on 02/22/2000,
which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER: 37 CFR 1.53(b)
(continued)ATTORNEY DOCK NO. 10981292-2Inventorship Statement

Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

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Other Amendments

(X) Before calculating the filing fee, amend the prior application as follows:

Cancel the following claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).

(X) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

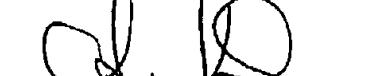
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5 — 3	2	X \$84	\$ 168
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		\$280	\$ 0
BASIC FEE: Design (\$330.00); Utility (\$750.00)				\$ 0
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 348
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